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He believed that Mr. Lowe's sentiments were the sentiments entertained by a vast majority of persons who felt it profitable to think on political questions.

Mr. GILES: Was Mr. Lowe's casting of a nominee Upper Chamber, or a chamber party nominee and partly elective?

Mr. INNES: It was clear from the opening words of the passage that Mr. Lowe was speaking of the composition of a second chamber. Many members of the House attached great weight to the utterances of Mr. Wentworth, and so they were not surprised to find that Mr. Wentworth was the chairman of a committee charged with the duty of introducing a bill to make that Chamber elective.

Mr. GILES: Was Mr. Lowe's casting of a nominee which passed through all its stages in that House, and which was sent down here?

Mr. PARKES: Yes, every stage.

Mr. INNES: Nine years after the introduction of the Constitution, of which Mr. Wentworth was the founder. Consequently we had the hon. and learned member for East Lancashire in 1868 making a series of

to have these new nonpolitical candidates pose a problem in the dark, and the effect of which might be that if the candidate misrepresents his name, or left out his address, the commission would not be bound to accept his name. The evidence shows that this was a most retrogressive measure, a curtailment of the liberties, rights, and privileges of the people, as they existed in the past. It was a restriction on the right of free expression of opinion, a restriction, the whole voting power would be centered in the large populations of the towns. The 13th clause provided that the names of the candidates should be entered in the record his name; and how he maintained in these large districts could a digger for instance go 20 or 100 miles to vote, and he would have to go to the place where the districts, where they could not be spared by their employment to go to register their names as voters, perhaps to a distance of 20 or 100 miles. The system was infinitely better, and every man had a chance of being a voter. People would forget to register themselves as voters, and if they came round they would find themselves deprived of their vote. The whole population even this would take place, and the voting power would get into the hands of political agitators, and of

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No. 4.  
The Colonial Secretary, New South Wales, to the Honorable Julius Vogel and the Honorable William H. Reynolds.  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Sydney, 22nd February, 1873.  
Gentlemen,—This Government has had under its consideration your letter of the 30th January, on the subject of the proposed arrangement for a commercial treaty between Mr. Webb, of New York, and the Government of New Zealand, and it has examined the proposals therein contained. It was, however, at the same time, desirous to be furnished with the advantage of the further information contained in your letter of the 29th January, and to be enabled to enter into separate negotiations on a branch of one of the questions, namely,—“A scheme of Ocean Mail Service between New Zealand and the United States, and New Zealand,”—for the consideration of which the Government was expressly constituted.

2. Your letter of the 30th ultimo you propose to vary the

is no probability of your offer being carried out.

In a subsequent part of your letter, you state that nothing can be done until the young English and American men in the Australian mails are delivered within forty days. Instead of negotiating with us for the service proposed in your letter, you would have been required to make arrangements for making the connection at the Savoy Hotel, instead of at Auckland, we are under the impression that the service could be secured a service of twenty-eight days and save about £1000. In the event of circumstances which would, under ordinary circumstances, give to New Zealand a delivery in the time specified by you, and in the event of circumstances which will connect Halifax with Chicago.

6. You further state, in the fourth paragraph of your letter, that you feel constrained to decline the offer we have made to you, and that you are not prepared to consider the value of its alleged advantages. Those advantages, as stated in the fourth and fifth paragraphs of our letter, are that we are prepared to undertake the service in offering you a service upon very liberal terms, in order to induce you to assist in obtaining from the Imperial Government the necessary concession for the service.



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## THE SUPERANNUATION ACT REPEAL BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

SIR.—The second reading of this important measure stands on the Order of the Day for to-morrow. I hope the Assembly will then take up the subject in earnest. I have already written a vast deal of suffering and loss upon the pensioners and others dependent on the Superannuation Fund, and it will probably cost the country a great deal, too, when the reckoning is made. Several hon. members of the Assembly have tried very hard to shift the mountain of blame upon the defenceless shoulders of the public servants, and assert that the bill of 1854 was our own doing. I am sorry to say that if this were entirely true it would mean nothing, because the bill was said to have been approved by a measure very different from the Act as it finally passed. In the latter, and at the last moment, a proviso was introduced to the effect that £10,000 should be in full satisfaction of all claims for services prior to the passing of the Act. This amendment of the bill we may truly declare, no solitary member of the Service approved, and it must be entirely attributed to the disastrous of the fund. To pass an Act granting pensions and allowances which any man of common sense could easily discover to be of the value, in arrears only, of £300,000, and at the same time to enact that £10,000 was the full equivalent of those arrears, was an unparalleled feat of blind legislation, which, in my opinion, was a disgrace to the wisdom of the country.

I believe the whole Service will be found to give the Repeal Bill the credit of being framed with a desire to meet the almost insuperable difficulties, and the conflicting interests involved, in a spirit of moderation and fair play. It is too likely that there may be some public servants so wrapped up in their self-interest as to forget that Ministers owe a duty to the public, and that the public owe a duty to their employees. We may, indeed, fairly expect the Government to extend to the utmost consideration, but we must not hope that they will do so, which will enable public honour and obligations demand; and however deeply all must sympathize with individuals upon whom the new measure will press with peculiar severity, it will not do to forget that in any consideration of the bill, the public interest must be the last word.

As, therefore, the bill appears to find the golden mean between the two great interests at issue, meeting, on the one hand, and at the other, and clearing the reputation of the country from the suspicion of dishonesty (which is surely in the certain belief of every honest man, and a sacrifice)—it should command the support of all parties. The matter cannot be too speedily settled, once and for ever. It has been too long as it is a stain upon our character, and a stumbling-block to our friends in all parts of the world.

Your obedient servant,  
26th February. A PUBLIC SERVANT.

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## REPORTS OF COMPANIES.

## SOUTHERN COBALT COPPER MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

Progress Report of the Directors to the First Half-yearly General Meeting of Shareholders, held on Wednesday, February 26, 1878.

The Directors have the gratification of informing the shareholders, that since the formation of the Company all its operations have been carried out with the utmost success to their entire satisfaction.

The Directors desire to state that Mr. Goldworthy as mining captain (he having had sixteen years' experience at Burns Bush), and from the manner in which he has carried out everything intrusted to him, they have the utmost confidence in both his integrity and ability.

The necessary buildings for workshops and stores, together with residences for the men, have been erected. A large underground tank has been constructed, and iron tanks have been forwarded from Sydney to conserve a supply of water.

Two shafts have been sunk on the line of the first shaft, the "Cobalt" Mine, and known as "Becker's" and "Hardie's" shafts, and are being sunk by contract, and will be continued to 90 feet, when drives will be put in to prove the lode. Captain Goldworthy intends to be the main shaft.

Your Directors, taking advantage of the present navigable state of the River Darling, have ordered from Mr. Martin Risks, of Sydney, a supply of various mining requirements, such as powder, tools, &c., which will enable operations to be efficiently carried on.

The following extracts from Captain Goldworthy's Reports, will fully explain the progress made up to February 26th:—

"Southern Cobalt Mine, October 27, 1872. I arrived here on the 25th, having left Sydney on the 10th September, and, owing to the state of the roads, did not reach Burns Bush until October 17th, being twenty-eight days from the time of leaving Sydney; left Burns Bush on the 18th, and arrived here on the 25th—seven days on the road, 120 miles, with a heavy drag with goods from Burns, for the use of the mine."

"November 26th, 1872. We are getting on with our work. I have eleven men employed, eight miners, two carpenters, and one cooper. I have put four men to sink the shaft deeper—present depth, 41 feet. I like the lode much better in the bottom of the shaft than it does at the top. It is my opinion we shall have a rich lode at the bottom. I intend to sink to 200 feet, and then drive from shaft to shaft, and thus prove the mine on the course of the lode."

"December 9th, 1872. I have put the men to-day to drive across the lode, the ground looking splendid. Captain Goldworthy coming in from all eastern side, 'Hardie's' shaft down 20 feet, ground favourable, and the men to drive. I have put four men to sink the shaft deeper, and then drive from shaft to shaft, and thus prove the mine on the course of the lode."

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SHEPHERD SMITH, General Manager.

Sydney, 24th February, 1878.

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METROPOLITAN INTERCOLONIAL EXHIBITION.

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